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Commission of Patenta Washington, D.C. 20231. Typed or Printed Name Donna Macedo Date Signature nacedo 06510-121US1 Attorney Docket First Named Inventor Huang et al. AMENDMENT UNDER Application Number 09/544,910 37 C.F.R. §1.111 April 7, 2000 Filing Date Responsive to Paper No. 9 1642 Group Art Unit Address to: S. Rawlings **Examiner Name** Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Title Methods and Compositions for Use in the Treatment of Hyperlipidemia

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 29, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before April 29, 2001. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After line 2 on page 1, please insert the following two paragraphs:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/128,853, filed April 12, 1999, now abandoned, which application is incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for reducing the plasma level of VLDL in a host, said method comprising: